



STATE OF OREGON

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TO: File

DATE: August 18, 1980

FROM: Greg Baesler

SUBJECT: Van Water & Rogers - Chemical Spill

On Friday August 15, 1980 at 11:20am Bill Hartford, Hazardous Waste Section, Jack Johnston and Stan West, Van Waters & Rogers and myself witnessed an accidental chemical spill of Methylene Chloride.

The estimated volume of Methylene Chloride spilled was seventy - six (76) gallons or approximately 912 pounds. The accident occurred as a result of a break in a four inch line as the chemical was being transferred from a railroad tank car to storage at Van Waters & Rogers.

The Break was noticed at once by company employees and transfer of the chemical was stopped. Employees then washed the dock area down with water. The wash water and chemical were washed off the dock area to the ground below.

The volume of chemical spilled is less than the reportable amount requirement of both DOT and EPA.

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